

ITEM # 1

PREPARED BY: LOU GEATER

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION HONORING THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE “A WAY  
OUT” PROGRAM AND THE CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY VALUES FOR  
EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SHELBY COUNTY.  
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MIKE CARPENTER.

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WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this Board of County Commissioners of Shelby County, Tennessee, should honor the passionate dedication and hard work of faith based ministries that seek to better the lives of our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, This resolution serves to recognize the outstanding work of the “A Way Out” program, a ministry of assistance to women victimized by the sex for sale industry; and

WHEREAS, A Way Out is an intensive, non-residential treatment program which offers clothing, counseling, financial assistance, job training, and spiritual mentoring to clients and their children; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 2000, A Way Out has successfully mentored over two hundred forty women, and has developed a close working relationship with local law enforcement who now refer clients to the program; and

WHEREAS, A Way Out has been chosen by the Acton Institute to receive the 2008 Samaritan Award for its efficient and effective model of ministry to clients, and was awarded \$10,000 to support the work of the ministry; and

WHEREAS, We take this opportunity to commend George Kuykendall, Carol Wiley, and the staff and volunteers of A Way Out for loving and serving the victims of the sex for sale industry not merely with words or speech but with actions and in truth, and for inspiring our community to stand up for their welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the staff and volunteers of A Way Out are hereby recognized and honored for their work on behalf of the victims of the sex for sale industry, and for selfless and compassionate service to the citizens of Shelby County.

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A C Wharton, County Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_